

Training Foundation in the areas of Rope Rescue Operations, Confined Space Task Force, and Collapse Technician. He is also the recipient of numerous awards, including the Fire Chief Life Saving Award, the Fire Chief Company Citation, and numerous Fire Chief Unit Commendations and Meritorious Company Commendations.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Lieutenant Ted Darnall for a career of exemplary service to the Dearborn Fire Department. I join with Lieutenant Darnall's family, friends, and colleagues in extending my gratitude to him for his honorable service in protecting our community and thank him for his role in serving the people of the City of Dearborn for the past twenty-five years. We wish him the best in retirement.

#### HONORING BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

**HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 18, 2022*

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark the beginning of Building Safety Month and to recognize the more than 64,000 members of the International Code Council (ICC) who have dedicated their livelihoods to ensuring public safety throughout the built environment—whether our homes, offices, schools, houses of worship, et cetera.

Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council and its partners to remind the public about the professionals who ensure buildings are safe, resilient, efficient, and livable. The Code Council brings together local, state, and federal as well as stakeholders from the private sector to develop model codes and standards that protect the occupants of the buildings in which we live, work, and play. Those standards are then implemented year-round by building safety officials, the fire service, architects, engineers, plumbers, and laborers to ensure the safe construction and maintenance of buildings.

This year's Building Safety Month theme is "Building Codes in Action" which encourages all of us to raise awareness of the importance of safe and resilient construction, fire prevention, sanitation, disaster mitigation, and innovative technologies in the construction industry.

Last month, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released its Building Codes Strategy, which exemplifies this year's theme by recognizing that community adoption and enforcement of hazard-resistant building codes and standards "lays the foundation for increased resilience" and creates a "culture of preparedness by making mitigation a standard practice."

In late 2020 FEMA released a study, titled "Building Codes Saves", which found that implementing modern building codes could save \$600 billion in disaster spending by 2060. FEMA further confirmed a prior report by the National Institute of Building Sciences that found that adopting modern codes provides \$11 in mitigation savings for every \$1 invested.

With natural disasters increasing in frequency and severity, building codes and standards include important safeguards to pro-

tect the public from snow and ice storms, hurricanes, and earthquakes. We thank those who implement and enforce building codes for protecting lives, property, businesses, and communities.

Development, adoption, and implementation of up-to-date codes and standards has enabled Virginia through its 2018 Uniform State-wide Building Code to ensure its codes assure building safety and waste the least energy in the Southeastern United States.

Madam Speaker, please join me in thanking International Code Council Board President Cindy Davis—a constituent I represent, as well as ICC's Chief Executive Officer Dominic Sims, the International Code Council leadership, and ICC's Members and staff as they recognize Building Safety Month.

#### HONORING THANG DO

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 18, 2022*

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my sincere condolences to the family of Thang Do, who passed away on May 8, 2022. He has been an important part of our community and will be greatly missed.

Thang Do fled Vietnam in 1975, as a refugee, and supported himself through college, where he earned his degree in architecture from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Recruited after graduation by Aedis Architects, a San Jose-based architectural firm, Thang Do quickly advanced within the company and has led it for the past 30 years. His advocacy for sustainable design practices and focus on urban design issues, led him to be designated an American Institute of Architects Fellow, an honor held by less than four percent of their members. As lead architect of the recently-completed Vietnamese American Service Center in San Jose, he received the Community Impact Award from the Silicon Valley Business Journal.

A notable steward of revitalizing downtown San Jose and the SoFa district, Thang Do dedicated his time as a Chair of the San Jose Planning Commission, a member of the San Jose Architectural Review Committee, and a board member of the San Francisco Bay Area Planning and Urban Research Association. He also volunteered as a board member to the San Jose Museum of Art and the Housing Trust of Silicon Valley.

Thang Do was heavily involved as a community activist who helped uplift the Vietnamese community and culture. With his advocacy work and bilingual skills, he supported nationwide policy education by helping found the Progressive Vietnamese American Organization (PIVOT). The organization has been recognized nationally for helping increase civic engagement and fighting misinformation to Vietnamese residents.

I have been honored to see his architectural work firsthand throughout San Jose and am thankful for his commitment and service to the community. Thang Do will be greatly missed. Please join me in honoring him and sharing my deep condolences with his family and our community that mourns his loss.

TRIBUTE TO MARIAM BARNES—  
28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 18, 2022*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our Nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Mariam Barnes of La Crescenta, California.

Born and raised in La Crescenta as a first-generation Californian in her Egyptian family, Mariam credits her top-notch education in the Glendale Unified School District for setting the base for her current career success and has devoted her spare time to giving back to the La Crescenta community.

Mariam served on the Crescenta Valley Town Council for two terms, where she was primarily focused on the youth in the community and worked to create opportunities for them to explore entrepreneurship. She helped launch the Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow (EOT) program which gives students as young as 7th grade a booth to sell their products at the Montrose Harvest Market. EOT went from being an annual event to a quarterly event to encourage students to think about their career goals and polish their entrepreneurial skills.

Ms. Barnes has also participated in drug awareness efforts in the local community to bring solutions to individuals who struggle with addiction or have a family member who struggles with addiction.

As a manager for a global recruiting team in the video game industry, Ms. Barnes understands the skills necessary to achieve success, and is deeply aware of the importance of self-confidence and the role it plays in shaping peoples' lives and careers. She has volunteered as a mentor to many young women who struggle to find their confidence and helps them bridge the gap between ability and confidence. Ms. Barnes has also supported youth by planning workshops that focus on building self-esteem, providing information on vocational schools, coaching them on their interview skills, and helping students with their college applications.

In addition to her volunteer efforts and career, Mariam is a wife and mother of twin girls.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Mariam Barnes.

#### RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF MS. LISHA H. ADAMS

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 18, 2022*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Ms. Lisha H. Adams, Executive Deputy to the Commanding General of Army Materiel Command.

Ms. Adams has 39 years of government service experience supporting Army and Joint